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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WINS PERPETUAL PAVEMENT AWARD FOR BY DESIGN

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) announced that the Iowa Department of Transportation has earned national recognition by winning a **2025 Perpetual Pavement Award: By Design**—highlighting Iowa's commitment to long-life asphalt pavement.

To qualify for this prestigious award, pavements must demonstrate exceptional durability, structural integrity, and long-term performance. Engineers at the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) evaluate nominations and validate winners based on strict criteria including design excellence, construction quality, and performance under traffic and environmental conditions.

Perpetual Pavement Award: By Design

Iowa DOT received the By Design award for IM-NHS-080-7 (128) 251-03-52, HMA Pavement – Grade and New in Johnson/Cedar County. Opened in 2025, this 4.6-mile project was engineered to meet perpetual pavement standards and designed to support heavy traffic volumes of approximately 44,600 vehicles per day.

The project incorporated more than 150,000 tons of hot mix asphalt to construct a durable pavement structure consisting of approximately 15 inches of asphalt over a 12-inch modified subbase. Designed for a service life of 50 years or more, the pavement provides long-term performance while minimizing future maintenance needs.

This section complements adjacent roadway infrastructure and demonstrates the effectiveness of asphalt pavement design in delivering smooth, reliable, and cost-effective transportation solutions for the traveling public.

Iowa DOT will be recognized for its excellence in delivering high-performing, long-life asphalt pavements that provide lasting value across the state's transportation network.

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The National Asphalt Pavement Association (www.asphaltpavement.org) represents the interests of U.S. asphalt producers/contractors before Congress, federal agencies, and other national trade and business organizations. NAPA supports an active research program designed to improve the quality of asphalt



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pavements and paving techniques used in the construction of roads, streets, highways, parking lots, airports, and environmental and recreational facilities.

The Asphalt Institute (www.asphaltinstitute.org) is the international trade association of petroleum asphalt producers, manufacturers, and affiliated businesses. AI promotes the use, benefits, and quality performance of petroleum asphalt, through engineering, research, marketing, and educational activities.

The State Asphalt Pavement Associations (www.sapainc.org) represent the interests of asphalt pavement producers and paving companies at the state and local level across the United States.